AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and add new claims 12-31, as follows:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising: a housing (1) in which a dust chamber (6) is embodied for housing a dust separator (9) which may be sealed by means of a dust chamber lid (12) mounted on the housing (1), and a housing for accessory pieces (8) which can be closed by the dust chamber lid (12) and which is formed by an adjoining chamber (7) arranged directly adjacent to the dust chamber (6), which is separated from the dust chamber (6) in a dust-tight manner by means of a separating wall (10), and the dust chamber lid (12) has an opening (15) through which the accessory pieces (8) can be removed from the adjoining chamber (7) when the dust chamber lid (12) is closed, wherein the dust chamber lid (12) has a closure part (16) for the opening (15).

13. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 12, wherein the closure part includes a flap (18) pivotally hinged on the dust chamber lid (12).

14. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 12, wherein the closure part includes a blind (17) attached to the dust chamber lid (12) which can be displaced in the plane of the dust chamber lid (12).

15. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 12, wherein a seal (14) is arranged between the dividing wall (10) and the dust chamber lid (12), which is at least one of joined and molded onto the inside of the dust chamber lid (12) and abuts along an edge (13) of the separating wall (10) facing the dust chamber lid (12) when the dust chamber lid (12) is closed.

16. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the seal (14) includes at least one of a sealing lip and a sealing cord made of elastomer-like material.

17. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

a housing defining an internal cavity;

a lid connected to the housing for providing access to the internal cavity, the lid being movable between an open condition in which the internal cavity is open, and a closed condition, in which the internal cavity is closed;

a wall connected to the housing and defining a dust chamber within the internal cavity, the wall having an edge facing the lid;

a dust separator disposed within the dust chamber for retaining dust;

an accessory chamber disposed within the internal cavity and the wall separating the accessory chamber from the dust chamber; and

a seal member forming a dust-tight seal between the wall and the lid when the lid is in the closed condition that prevents dust from passing from the dust chamber into the accessory chamber.

18. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the lid includes:

an opening adjacent to the accessory chamber and providing access to the accessory chamber when the lid is in the closed condition while the seal between the wall and the lid is maintained; and

a closure part for closing the opening.

19. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the closure part includes a flap pivotally hinged on the lid to open and close the opening.

20. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the closure part includes a retractable blind attached to the lid that is slidable with respect to the lid to open and close the opening.

21. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the seal member is connected to the edge of the wall and contacts the lid to form the dust-tight seal when the lid is in the closed condition.

22. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the seal member is removably connected to the edge of the wall.

23. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the seal member is molded onto the edge of the wall.

24. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the seal member is connected to the lid and contacts the edge of the wall to form the dust-tight seal when the lid is in the closed condition.

25. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the seal member includes a deformable elastomeric material.

26. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the seal member includes a seal cord having an elongated tubular structure having a hollow cavity.

27. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

a housing defining an internal cavity;

a lid connected to the housing for providing access to the internal cavity, the lid being movable between an open condition in which the internal cavity is open, and a closed condition, in which the internal cavity is closed;

a wall connected to the housing and defining a dust chamber within the internal cavity, the wall having an edge facing the lid;

a dust separator disposed within the dust chamber for retaining dust;

an accessory chamber disposed within the internal cavity and the wall separating the accessory chamber from the dust chamber;

a seal member connected to the edge of the wall and contacting the lid to form a dust-tight seal between the wall and the lid when the lid is in the closed condition that prevents dust from passing from the dust chamber into the accessory chamber, the seal member being formed from a deformable elastomeric material;

an opening defined in the lid adjacent to the accessory chamber and providing access to the accessory chamber when the lid is in the closed condition while the seal between the wall and the lid is maintained; and

a closure part connected to the lid for closing the opening.

28. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 27, wherein the closure part includes a flap pivotally hinged on the lid to open and close the opening.

29. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 27, wherein the closure part includes a retractable blind attached to the lid that is slidable with respect to the lid to open and close the opening.

30. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 27, wherein the seal member is removably connected to the edge of the wall.

31. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 27, wherein the seal member is molded onto the edge of the wall.